

By



S.B. No. 1672

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain standards involving the regulation of air conditioning and refrigeration contractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2(10), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(10) "Mechanical integrity" means physical installation of products, systems, or equipment in accordance with their intended purpose and according to:

(A) the latest edition of [standards-at-least-as strict--as--the-standards-set-forth-in] the Uniform Mechanical Code published [jointly] by [the-International--Conference--of--Building Officials--and] the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials[7--or--their--successor-organizations7-or-the Standard-Mechanical-Code-published-by-the--Southern--Building--Code Congress-International7-Inc77] or its successor organization; and

(B) [all-other-applicable-codes7-and

[7] the manufacturer's specifications.

SECTION 2. Section 3(a), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall adopt rules for the practice of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting consistent with this

1 Act. The rules [~~standards-prescribed-by-rule~~] must conform to the
2 latest edition of [~~be-at-least-as-strict-as-the-standards-set-forth~~
3 ~~in~~] the Uniform Mechanical Code published [~~jointly~~] by [~~the~~
4 ~~International---Conference---of---Building---Officials---and~~] the
5 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials or
6 its successor organization [~~or--the--Standard--Mechanical---Code~~
7 ~~published--by--the--Southern--Building-Code-Congress-International,~~
8 ~~Inc.;7-as-those-codes-exist-at-the-time-the-rules-are-adopted~~]. The
9 commissioner shall enforce this Act and may adopt rules relating to
10 enforcement requirements.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1997. A
12 violation of this Act that occurs before the effective date of
13 this Act is subject to the law in effect at the time the violation
14 was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
15 purpose.

16 SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the
17 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
18 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
19 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
20 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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Read and referred to Committee on

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by:

{ unanimous consent
____ yeas, ____ nays

Read second time, _____, and ordered engrossed by:

{ unanimous consent
a viva voce vote
____ yeas, ____ nays

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays.

Read third time, _____, and passed by:

{ A viva voce vote
____ yeas, ____ nays

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER ACTION:

Engrossed

Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on

Reported ____ favorably (as amended) (as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars) (Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting.

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Returned to Senate.

Returned from House without amendment.

Returned from House with ____ amendments.

Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote ____ yeas, ____ nays.

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

_____ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

_____ Senate conferees instructed.

_____ Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chairman; _____
_____, _____, and _____

_____ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed: _____, Chairman;
_____, _____, _____.

_____ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by:

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

OTHER ACTION:

_____ Recommitted to Conference Committee

_____ Conferees discharged.

_____ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays